Involvement of Social Activists in rural health care

1708. SHRIC. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to involve Accredited Social Activists in rural health care; and

(b) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to provide and Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) in each village as a trained health worker under National Rural Health Mission. Under this Mission, it is proposed to turn out four lakh such Health Workers in the next four years. ASHA would be permitted to practice and realize fees for services provided like any social entrepreneurs. ASHA would preferably be a lady educationally qualified up to class X. The Village Health Team would be involved in selection of ASHA.

CGHS recognised Delhi Heart and Lungs Institute

1709. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Heart and Lungs Institute, which is **a** super speciality hospital for cardiac diseases is recognised by the CGHS for extending treatment facilities to CGHS beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would^ consider the question of including this hospital for providing specialised treatment in cardiac disease to CGHS beneficiaries and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) Tenders were invited in the year 2000 for recognition of private hospitals/diagnostic centres under CGHS Delhi against which the Delhi